

Appl. No. 10/022,645  
Amdt. dated October 10, 2003  
Reply to Office Action of September 11, 2003

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REMARKS

Claims 1-8 remain pending in the instant application. Claims 9-15 have been canceled. No claims have been amended by this response.

In the office action mailed September 11, 2003, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement between the following groups of claims:

Group I claims 1-8 drawn to apparatuses; and

Group II claims 9-15 drawn to methods.

Applicants hereby elect Group I claims 1-8 without traverse. Accordingly, non-elected claims 9-15 are hereby canceled without prejudice to filing a divisional application drawn thereto.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully asserted that the application as amended is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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